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STATUTES PERTAINING TO THE PRACTICE OF ATHLETIC TRAINING

71-1,238. Terms, defined. For purposes of sections 71-1,238 to 71-1,242, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Athletic trainer means a person who is responsible for the prevention, emergency care, first aid, treatment, and rehabilitation of athletic injuries under guidelines established with a licensed physician and who is licensed to perform the functions set out in section 71-1,240. When athletic training is provided in a hospital outpatient department or clinic or an outpatient-based medical facility, the athletic trainer will perform the functions described in section 71-1,240 with a referral from a licensed physician for athletic training;

(2) Athletic training means the prevention, evaluation, emergency care, first aid, treatment, and rehabilitation of athletic injuries utilizing the treatments set out in section 71-1,240;

(3) Athletic injuries means the types of musculoskeletal injury or common illness and conditions which athletic trainers are educated to treat or refer, incurred by athletes, which prevent or limit participation in sports or recreation;

(4) Board means the Board of Athletic Training;

(5) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure; and

(6) Practice site means the location where the athletic trainer practices athletic training.

Source: Laws 1986, LB 355, § 1; Laws 1996, LB 1044, § 477; Laws 1999, LB 178, § 2; Laws 1999, LB 828, § 140; Laws 2003, LB 242, § 65. Operative date July 1, 2004.

71-1,239. Repealed. Laws 1999, LB 178, s. 6.

71-1,239.01. Licensure requirements; exemption. An individual who accompanies an athletic team or organization from another state or jurisdiction as the athletic trainer is exempt from the licensure requirements of sections 71-1,238 to 71-1,242.

Source: Laws 1999, LB 178, § 4; Laws 2003, LB 242, § 66. Operative date July 1, 2004.

71-1,240. Physical modalities; who may perform; treatment authorized. (1) No person shall be authorized to perform the physical modalities set out in subsection (2) of this section on any person unless he or she first obtains a license as an athletic trainer or unless such person is licensed as a physician, osteopathic physician, chiropractor, nurse, physical therapist, or podiatrist. No person shall hold himself or herself out to be an athletic trainer unless licensed under sections 71-1,238 to 71-1,242.

(2) Athletic trainers shall be authorized to use the following physical modalities in the treatment of athletic injuries under guidelines established with a licensed physician:

(a) Application of electrotherapy;

(b) Application of ultrasound;

(c) Use of medical diathermies;

(d) Application of infrared light; and

(e) Application of ultraviolet light.

(3) The application of heat, cold, air, water, or exercise shall not be restricted by sections 71-1,238 to 71-1,242.

Source: Laws 1986, LB 355, § 3; Laws 1989, LB 342, § 27; Laws 1999, LB 178, § 3; Laws 2003, LB 242, § 67. Operative date July 1, 2004.

71-1,241. Applicant for licensure; qualifications; examination; exception. (1) Except as provided in section 71-1,242, an applicant for licensure as an athletic trainer shall at the time of application provide proof to the department that he or she meets one or more of the following qualifications:

(a) Graduation after successful completion of the athletic training curriculum requirements of an accredited college or university approved by the department; or

(b) Graduation with a four-year degree from an accredited college or university and completion of at least two consecutive years, military duty excepted, as a student athletic trainer under the supervision of an athletic trainer approved by the board.

(2) In order to be licensed as an athletic trainer, an applicant shall, in addition to the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, successfully complete an examination approved by the department on the recommendation of the board.

Source: Laws 1986, LB 355, §4. Operative date October 1, 1987.

71-1,242. Experienced athletic trainer; license issued; conditions. A license to practice athletic training may be issued to a person who:

(1) Submits an application and the required licensure fee to the department before January 1, 1988;

(2) Meets one of the following criteria: (a) He or she is an athletic trainer on January 1, 1988, or (b) he or she has been an athletic trainer for five of the ten years immediately preceding January 1, 1988; and

(3) Satisfactorily completes the examination for licensure as an athletic trainer as provided in subsection (2) of section 71-1,241.

Source: Laws 1986, LB 355, § 5; Laws 2003, LB 242, § 68. Operative date July 1, 2004.

71-1,243. Repealed. Laws 2003, LB 242, s. 154.